Alternative question papers in UPSC exams

†3066. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the alternative of question paper of Hindi alongwith the compulsory question paper of English in the examinations of Union Public Service Commission; and

(b) if so, by when a final decision in this regard will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir. At present there is no proposal before Union Public Service Commission to introduce a compulsory paper on Hindi language in any of the open competitive examinations conducted by the Commission.

(b) Does not arise.

Denial of promotion to Direct Recruitment of SC/ST Officers

3067. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that third proviso of sub-Rule 2 of Rule 12 of Recruitment Rules of Central Secretariat Service 1962 was deleted by Government in 1999 by an amendment;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that these amendments have been applied retrospectively even for the panels of regular Under Secretaries from 1987 onwards thereby depriving the Direct Recruitment of SC/ST Officers of the Central Secretariat Service from getting promotion to the Grade-I of CSS; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) Under the provisions of the Article 309 of the Constitution, the amendment to third proviso to Rule 12 (2) of the Central Secretariat

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